

Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board Recommendation 95-10

Regarding the Site Technology Coordination Group

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Dear Mr. Silverman:

It has come to our attention that the Department of Energy has initiated an effort to identify, develop, and implement technologies needed for environmental restoration, waste management, and decontamination and decommissioning tasks. This effort utilizes an integrated, multi-organization team approach and focuses on five major problem areas: plumes, landfills, tanks, mixed waste, and decontamination and decommissioning. Central to this effort is the establishment of a Site Technology Coordination Group (STCG) at each site. STCG's are to actively involve stakeholders and public interest groups so that input on technology development needs can be obtained early in the process, and regulators are to be kept informed of all technology development activities of the group.

The Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) applauds this effort. In an era of shrinking budgets, and with a lack of adequate technologies, greater efforts at technology development are needed if we are to achieve credible results in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and decommissioning and decontamination. CAB is also pleased to learn that a STCG has been formed at Rocky Flats. However, to our knowledge there are currently no outside stakeholders participating with the STCG. We feel that input from outside stakeholders, early in the process, would only be beneficial to identifying technology development needs. To this end, we would like to know what DOE-Rocky Flats Office is doing to incorporate outside stakeholders into the Rocky Flats STCG. Further, we would appreciate a report on the Rocky Flats STCG's activities and progress to date.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Linda Murakami
Chair

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